

programs going on to help the farmers that are going broke, go to school, have a hot line, do this to help them. Yes, we do. But we turn right around and do the worst thing we could do, is throw a tax on them. Don't you think that is going to affect him mentally, that it is going to affect his pocketbook, going to affect his family? It's going to affect him negatively in any way there is. They hold out that promise like the big firm that was coming to Omaha a few years ago, we've got to put this special tax in or that firm won't come. So they are dangling a carrot out here and they say to you, Omaha and Lincoln people, let us grab at that carrot, we may get it, but to get it we have to tax the farmer. That is wrong. With those remarks, Mr. President, and I'm asking you people to think what you are doing here, I'll withdraw the motion to IPP 1230. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Clerk, read the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to return the bill.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I, too, have a motion up there. And I know that we probably shouldn't drag this discussion out any longer than necessary but I feel the need to respond to Senator Haberman's remarks. My name has been on this bill from the start. It was on when I had a 10 cent a bushel check-off on it. And I'm probably known across the width and breadth of this state as one of the people who are most adamantly opposed to some of the checkoffs. Let me tell you, and I also agree with Senator Haberman that it would be nice if we could fund it from some other source. But I'm getting a little bit tired of people telling me how terrible it is to put 1.5 cents a bushel on a commodity, and how awful we are to do it when, as a matter of fact, I hear nothing but praise for those members of the Congress of this state that voted for a farm bill that lowered the prices a buck a bushel with no intent in helping them short-term. Instead it was designed to help the exporters. It was designed to help the purchasers. At least this 1.5 cents that we are taking is designed to help the people who we are taking the 1.5 cents from. I think there is a big difference. I think there is a whale of a big difference. But I have a hard time understanding how people can be so concerned about 1.5 cents, or the potential of a half cent, when the prices fluctuate a lot more than that per day many times. Yesterday's cash grains, wheat went down 5 cents, yellow corn